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"We read old books for their excellence, but new ones to share in the mental life of our time."--Saturday Review of Literature.

### NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, Volume 2, edited by D. I. Arnon and L. Machlis. Annual Reviews, Inc., 1951. 361p. 450 An78

"The present volume attempts to repeat the general pattern introduced by the first: a survey of progress made in the various branches of plant physiology and associated fields with emphasis on critical evaluation rather than on encyclopedic comprehensiveness in reviewing publications." Partial contents: Mechanism of Absorption and Transport of Inorganic Nutrients in Plants, by R. N. Robertson; The Role of the Mineral Elements in Plant Nutrition, by E. J. Hewitt; Respiration (The Pasteur Effect in Plants), by J. S. Turner; Formation, Occurrence, and Inactivation of Growth Substances, by P. Larsen; Herbicides and Selective Phytotoxicity, by G. E. Blackman, W. G. Templeman, and D. J. Halliday; Permeability, by H. B. Steinbach.

DESTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL INSECTS: THEIR HABITS AND CONTROL, by C. L. Metcalf and W. P. Flint, revised by R. L. Metcalf. McGraw-Hill, 1951. 1071p. 423 M563 "While much that is new has been written, little has been removed....Several sections of the book have been almost entirely rewritten. The chapter on Internal Anatomy and Physiology of Insects incorporates recent discoveries in insect physiology and biochemistry, and new sections have been added on insect nutrition and insect pigments. The tables of plant and animal diseases transmitted by insects have been brought up to date with recent discoveries. The chapter on Insect Control includes structural formulas and descriptions of the chemical, physical, and insecticidal properties of more than 150 substances used in the control of insects. New sections have been added on activators; attractants; emulsification, wetting, and spreading; insecticide formulation; mothpro fing; repellents to bloodsucking insects; and insecticide-resistant insects. The sections on biological and legal control have been expanded. The chapter on Apparatus for Applying Insecticides has been completely modernized and new illustrations provided of the latest types of equipment. New sections have been added on aerosols, air-atomizing sprayers, and aircraft dispersal of insecticides. The last half of the book has been thoroughly modernized to include current control-practices for all insect pests discussed." From Preface.

MUSHROOM GROWING TO-DAY, by F. C. Atkins. Faber & Faber, 1950. 187p. 91.7

Though published in England, this very practical and complete book on much-room growing is largely applicable to the United States. Some of the information, such as lists of firms carrying materials needed, trade names for spraying apparatus, and prices mentioned, is of no value to us. But we can secure such information elsewhere. The book is divided into six parts: The Background To Mushroom Growing, Mushrooms As A Sideline, Nodern Specialist Requirements, The Technique of Growing, Diseases and Pests, and Other Aspects of Mushroom Growing.

THE POLITICS OF AGRICULTURE, by C. M. Hardin. Free Press, 1952. 282p. 281.12

Mr. Hardin, now Associate Professor of Political Science at The University of Chicago, has, during the past twelve years, been close to the politics of agriculture. In this book he presents to us, skillfully and objectively, what is happening in agricultural politics today. To enable him to make an orderly analysis of a very controversial and complex field, he chose a single phase of agricultural politics—soil conservation—to illuminate the whole. That accounts for his sub-title: "Soil Conservation and the Struggle for Power in Rural America." The author is a realist and also an idealist, and his combination of realism and idealism makesthis a fascinating book. After all, the life of man is made up of both realism and idealism. USDA employees, both those who work with farm people and those who make policies, should find the reading of this book very profitable. It would be a good book for farmers themselves to read.

THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF RICE, by J. N. Efferson. The Rice Journal, 1952. 534p. 59.29 Ef3

Part I deals with world rice production and trade and is followed by sections on rice in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. Surplus rice regions, deficit rice regions, and self-sufficient rice regions are considered for each continent. The final part of the book deals with rice in the United States. Here we find discussions of economic trends in the rice industry, production and harvesting methods, varieties, costs and rice farm management, marketing and milling. The author is Professor of Agricultural Economics at Louisiana State University and in writing this book has relied on his background of fifteen years of research work on economic problems of the rice industry in the United States and a two-year intensive survey of rice production and marketing throughout the world. Mr. Efferson has given us more than a book about rice; he has given us a great deal of information about the economic conditions in many parts of the world, and reading his book broadens one's understanding of the problems besetting the world today.

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